REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. By the foregoing amendments, Claims 1, 4, 7, 8 and 10 have been amended and new Claims 11-17 have been added.

Objections to the Claims

In the office action claims 1-10 were objected to because of informalities in claims 1 and 10. The foregoing amendments have addressed each of the informalities raised in the objections. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

Rejections Under USC §112

In the office action Claims 4 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. By the following amendments, the indefinite language identified in Claims 4 and 8 has been deleted. Therefore, Applicant submits that this rejection has been overcome.

Rejections Under USC §102

In the office action, Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 233,565 (Lewis). Applicant reserves the right to challenge whether Lewis is available as prior art against the present application.

The currently pending claims are generally directed to methods (or systems) which perform a quality assurance procedure on data obtained in response to a request before that data is transmitted to the requestor. Such a method can prevent, for example, the transmission of corrupted web pages (requested data). For example, Claim 1 is directed to a method wherein a data provider receives a request for data over the internet from a client. In response to the request, the data is obtained at the data provider. The method then includes, "performing a quality assurance procedure on said obtained data to indicate whether said obtained data is corrupted, responsive to such request, at said data provider." Then, "if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained data is corrupted, then transmitting said data over said internet to said client ...."

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Lewis is generally directed to systems and methods for conducting internet based financial transactions. Lewis does not appear to have any description or suggestion of performing a quality assurance procedure on data that has been obtained in response to a client's request and then only transmitting that obtained data to the client if the quality assurance procedure indicates that the obtained data is not corrected. The portions of Lewis identified in the office action as corresponding to the claimed quality assurance procedure relate to either the authentication of public key/private key pairs (Lewis, column 22, lines 3-9) or to a periodic review of log data base tables (not requested data) (Lewis, column 37, lines 57-60). However, that is not surprising because the main thrust of Lewis is to ensure that the client is genuine (authenticated). Lewis is not concerned with avoiding sending corrupted data (e.g. web pages or forms) in response to a client request for the data.

Newly added independent Claims 12, 15 and each of the claims which depend therefrom, are also similarly patentable over the references of record. For example, new Claim 12 includes the steps of performing quality assurance procedure on obtained data to indicate whether obtained data is corrupted. If the quality assurance procedure does not indicate that the obtained data is corrupted, then the data is transmitted to the client. If the quality assurance procedure indicates that the obtained data is corrupted, then it is not transmitted to the client. Lewis does not teach such a method.
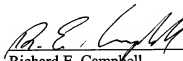
New Claim 15 is directed to a system for data transmission. The system includes, inter alia, means responsive to the data request for performing a quality assurance procedure on the obtained data to determine whether that data is corrupted. The system also includes a means for transmitting said data over said internet to said client responsive to said quality assurance procedure if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained data is corrupted and for not transmitting said obtained data to said client if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted. Again, Lewis does not teach such a system.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are patentable over the references of record.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, amendments to the claims, the reasons therefor, and arguments in support of the patentability of the pending claim set are presented above. In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is specifically requested. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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